

Burrows does not teach, disclose or suggest "a bank having an opening which defines a wall of the bank, the wall of the bank abutting on the edges of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer to define film formation regions of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer, the film formation region of the light emitting layer covering the film formation region of the hole injection/transportation layer," as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claim 10. A support for the bank having an opening, as recited, may be found in the specification at page 7, lines 12-14.

Instead, Burrows in Figure 5 shows an alternative (multi-layer) configuration of the organic-layers shown in Figure 1, but does not show patterning system 115 similar to the bank of the claimed invention. Furthermore, Figure 5 of Burrows shows an emission layer 116e and a hole transportation layer 116h covered by protective layer 118, and the edges of these layers abutting unprotective layer 118 from inside thereof. This configuration of Burrows regarding the protective layer 118 does not relate to the claimed bank having an opening defining a wall of the bank, the wall of the bank abutting on the edges of the layers. The function of Burrows' protective layer and the claimed bank having an opening are completely different, and do not relate to each other.

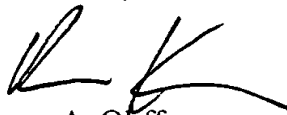
For at least these reasons, Burrows does not anticipate the subject matter of claims 1 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and Burrows does not render obvious the subject matter of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Burrows, and claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Burrows is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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APPENDIX RECEIVED

Changes to Claims:

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The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims. **TC 2800 MAIL ROOM**

1. (Four Times Amended) An organic EL device comprising:

a laminated film comprising:

a hole injection/transportation layer, and

a light emitting layer; and

a bank having an opening which defines a wall of the bank, the wall of the bank which abuts abutting on the edges of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer to define film formation regions of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer, the film formation region of the light emitting layer covering the film formation region of the hole injection/transportation layer.

9. (Three Times Amended) The organic EL device according to claim 1 wherein the shape wall of the bank has rounded corners and defines the film formation regions with rounded corners.

10. (Amended) An organic EL device comprising:

a bank having an opening which defines a wall of the bank, the wall of the bank for defining a first and a second film formation regions, the second film formation region covering the first film formation region;

a hole injection/transportation layer spread within the first film formation region; and

a light emitting layer spread within the second film formation region.